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A four-man team headed by Dr. Vernon MUND, representing the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy of the Joint Economic Committee, was in Athens July 25-29, 1962, to study private barriers to international trade. Although the Department's CA-2179 announcing the visit made no mention of Mrs. Mund, it was found that she was accompanying her husband. The Embassy was fortunately able to get accommodations for her despite the fact that it was the height of the tourist season.

After an Embassy political and economic briefing, the CODEL was accompanied by Commercial Attache Richard W. BARHAM to meetings with the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (which had the local press in attendance) and the Ministry of Commerce. The CODEL later expressed itself as fully satisfied with these meetings.

Other than the unexpected presence of Mrs. Mund, there were no administrative problems. Dr. Mund mentioned, however, that he was having his own disciplinary problems with certain members of his team, and after a telephone conversation with JEC Executive Director William S. JOHNSON, he shortened the remainder of the team's itinerary and it was arranged that the team be joined in Paris by Mr. Harvey J. WINTER of the Department's International Business Practices Division.

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